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## EXTRACTS FROM VIRGINIA COUNTY RECORDS.

[PRICES OF LIQUORS, &c.]

[During the colonial period the county courts annually fixed the prices which might be charged for liquors, tavern board, &c.]

*Middlesex, March 25, 1770.*

	£.	S.	D.
Canary Wine or Mallaga, the Quart, . . . . .			4
Sherry, the Quart, . . . . .			3
Madeira Wine, the Quart, . . . . .			4
Claret, the Quart, . . . . .			5
White Wine, the Quart, . . . . .			3
Rhenish, the Quart, . . . . .			4
Fyall Wine, the Quart, . . . . .		1	6
Nants, or French Brandy, the Gallon, . . . . .		16	
Rum, the Gallon, . . . . .		10	
English or Virginia Brandy, the Gallon, . . . . .		6	
a Quart of Arrack made into Punch, . . . . .		10	
a Pint of Rum made into Punch with Sugar, . . . . .		1	6
a Quart of Madeira Wine made into Sangaree or Lemonade with the same, . . . . .		4	6
a Pint of English or Virginia Brandy made into Punch with the same, . . . . .			1
English Strong Beer or ale, the Bottle, . . . . .		1	6
The same, per Quart, . . . . .		1	3
Virginia Ale, the Quart, . . . . .			7½
Virginia Small Beer, the Quart, . . . . .			4
Good Cyder, the Gallon, . . . . .		1	3
Good Hughes's Crab Apple Cyder, the Quart, . . . . .			8
a Dinner with Good small Beer, . . . . .		1	3
A Breakfast or Supper with Good Small Beer, . . . . .		1	
A Night's Lodgings with Clean Sheets, . . . . .			6
Pasturage for a Horse for Twenty four Hours, . . . . .			6
Stableage for a Horse for Twenty four Hours, . . . . .			6
Corn or Oats, per Gallon, . . . . .			6

And so proportionally for a Greater or Lesser Quantity.

## [CONDEMNATION OF A SHIP.]

Att a Spetiall Court held for this County of Middlesex the 16th day of December, 1686, By Vertue of his Excellencyes Comision, bearing date the 3d day of December, 1686:

Pres't: Mr. Robert Smith, Mr. Oswald Cary, Mr. Abrao Weeks, Mr. John Wortham, Mr. Mathew Kemp, Mr. William Daniell.

Ordered that Mr. William Churchill, Mr. Francis Weeks, Mr. Richard Willis, Mr. Randolph Seager, & Mr. Alexander Smith be fined according to Law for not attending this Court, as Jurymen upon the sum'ons of ye sheriffe of this County.

Captain John Crofts [commander of the man-of-war on the Virginia station], for and in behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King, bringing an Information ag't Capt. Daniell Hogben, Command' of the Ship Crown of London upon an Act of Parliam't made in the fifteenth year of King Charles the second, intituled An Act for the better Encouragem't of Trade, And declaring that, &c. And the said Defend', Daniell Hogben, app'r in proper for plea, saith he is not guilty. The tryall of the Truth of all which matter being referred to Mr. Nicholas Cock, Mr. George Reeves, Mr. William Cheny, Mr. Doodes Minor, Mr. Wm. Mountague, Mr. James Dudley, Mr. Thomas Stapleton, Mr. Wm. Nicholson, Mr. Augustine Cant, Mr. Robert Boodle, Mr. Thomas Norman, & Mr. William Downing, Who say upon their Oaths, That they find for our Sovereign Lord the King, upon which Verdict the Court gave Judgem't That the said Ship Crown with all her Gunns, Tackle, furniture and Apparell is become forfeited as in the said Act of Parliam't is exprest.

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ORDER ABO'T SOLDIERS.

October 1, 1687.

His Excellency [Lord Effingham, Governor of Virginia], being pleased by his Letter to this Court to Signifie that there were Sev<sup>n</sup> Orders of Councell intended to be sent to the Court which hee Understood were not Come to the Clerk's hands. Amongst which was an Order Requiring the Justices to Returne to his

Excellency a perfect List and Acco<sup>t</sup> of all such Inhabitants of this County as were to fitt and furnish themselves w<sup>th</sup> horse & Armes, And of all such as were Capable to serve on foot in the Melitia to the End the same may be by his Lord<sup>pp</sup> Direction be Settled for the better preservation of the peace of the Country.

To all which This Court were Ready to Render all due Obedience, but finding themselves Uncapable of Rendring soe an Exact Acco<sup>t</sup> as may be expected w<sup>th</sup>out the Assistance of the officers of the Militia of the County, none of which are now w<sup>th</sup> them. It is therefore Ordered that the Sheriff of this County doe forthw<sup>th</sup> write to the Hono<sup>'</sup>ble Coll. Wormeley & acquaint him that they have adjourned the fourther Consideration of that matter untill Wednesday, the 23d Inst. at the Court house of this County where they request his Honor will favour them w<sup>th</sup> his p<sup>'</sup>sence. And that the Sheriff doe alsoe Acquaint Capt. Whittaker and all the Justices of this County that they are desired to meet at the time & place afores<sup>d</sup> to Consider of a fitt Returne to bee made to his Excellencies said Command.

[The court met as proposed, on November 23d, and a return of men in Middlesex who could serve as horse or footmen was made. The list was printed in this Magazine, VIII, 189-191.]

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#### ORD<sup>'</sup>R ABOUT SOULDIRS.

Att a particular meeting of his Majesties Justices of the peace for Middlesex County, December the 12th, 1687:

P<sup>'</sup>sent: Capt. Walter Whittaker, Mr. Jno. Wortham, Mr. Oswald Carey, Mr. Will. Daniell.

Whereas his Excellencie by his Letter Dated the 28th Day of November last hath been pleased to signifie to this Court That for as much as the fourth Act of Assembly made at An Assembly begun at James Citty the 16th Day of Aprill, 1684. It was Enacted that Every Trooper & foot soldier should bee provided with Armes & Amunition by the 20th Day of March, in the yeare of our Lord 1688, and keepe the same Cleane and well fixed fitt for service upon penalty of being fined as by the aforesaid Law is directed & appointed. And that his Lord<sup>pp</sup> is given to understand that there is an Almost if not a totall failure in the Com-

plyance with the Directions of the said Act in all the Counties in this Colony soe that if his Lord<sup>pp</sup> should proceed to put the said Act into due Execution it might bee very Burthensom. And his Excellency Designing as a particular favor to all Persons Concerned to make the same as Easy As possible, having been pleased further to signifie that if the Court will undertake to provide this County with Trumpetts, Drums, Coullours & other Trophies fitt & Convenient for such & soe many Troopes of horse & Companies of Foot as Shalbe in this County And pay for the same by a Leavy on the County, To which his Lord<sup>pp</sup> by his said Letter gives his Concurrence, And take care that the said Trumpetts, Drums, Collours & other Trophies be here by the tenth Day of November next, that then the severall persons who hath hitherto failed in being provided w<sup>th</sup> Armes & Amunition, as is appointed, shall have liberty untill the said tenth Day of November to p<sup>r</sup>vide themselves, Upon Reading which Letter, This Court having Considered the same w<sup>th</sup> all due Respect & observance, And being very sensible of his Excellencies greate favour to the Inhabitants of this County who are Layable to be proceeded against & punished for not Complying w<sup>th</sup> the said Law—in giveing them a longer time to provide themselves with Armes & Amunition.

It is Therefore Ordered & resolved That Mr. Christopher Robinson Doe by the first oppertunity of sending for England, Send for two brass Trumpetts w<sup>th</sup> silver mouth pieces to be hanged in black and w<sup>th</sup> silke. One horse Collours w<sup>th</sup> Staffe, two Bootes & two handsome Belts, Two Drums w<sup>th</sup> six spare heads, And one foot Collours, for which this Court Doe promise and engage the said Mr. Christopher Robinson shalbe paid in this County Leavy next yeare.

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On July 1, 1689, it was recorded that the "Trophies" were in the possession of Christopher Robinson, and he was ordered to deliver them to Captain William Daniel for the use of the county.

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[A SERVANT'S CLAIM FOR FREEDOM.]

Middlesex, June 5, 1693.

Margarett Devorage, preferring a petition to the Co<sup>t</sup> Ag<sup>t</sup>,

Chr. Wormeley, Esq', for her Freedom & Corne & Clothes According to ye Custome of this Country, and she producing An Indenture & not being Able at present to prove the same, She hath time given till ye next Court to produce her Evidence & it is ordered that ye said Ch' Wormeley Esq' give ye said Devorage ten days Liberty some time between this & ye next Court to see to gett & procure her Evidence.

Col. Ch' Wormeley having informed this Court that Margarett Devorage was delivered of a Bastard child in her time of Service by Indenture it is therefore ordered that the said Margarett Devorage serve said Ch' Wormeley, Esqr., two full years after her first time of Servis is Expired (According to Law).

August 7, 1693.

Margarett Devorage Preferring petition to the Court Against Christopher Wormeley Esq' to sett forth that she the Plt. hath Served the said Christopher Wormeley, Esq', her full time of service by Indenture & the said Christopher Wormeley, Esq', Refused to sett your petition' free & to pay her Corne & Cloathes According to the Custome of this Country, for w<sup>ch</sup> yo' pett' Prays Judgment & the said Christopher Wormeley, Esq', Appearing Pleades that the said Indentures produced by the Plt. were not sufficient for that they were not duely Proved to the Court, having duely Considered the said Indentures Do Adjudge them Sufficient & well Proved, it is therefore ordered that the said Christopher Wormeley, Esq', doe forthwith sett the said Margrett Devorage Free from his s<sup>d</sup> Service & pay her Corne & Cloaths According to the Custome of this Country with Cost als Exce.

Christopher Wormeley, Esq., Appeals from the above order to the Sixth day of ye next Gen<sup>l</sup> Court.

Mr. Henry Thacker in open Court becomes Security for the Appal<sup>t</sup>.

Robert Gilham & Thomas Guy becomes security for the def<sup>t</sup>.

[Deposition of Wm. Chadwick.]

The deposition of William Chadwick, aged about 21 years, saith.

That in the year Sixteen hundred Eighty Eight & nine he came into this Collony of Virginia in ye Turke Merch', Capt.

Thomas Burwell Command' & doth on his oath declare that he see Margaiett Devorages Indentures severall times on Board the said Shipp and fourther yo' depo' Saith that his unkle was a Witness to the said Indenture & fourther saith not.

Aug. ye 7.

WILL CHADWICK.

Sworne in open Court.

Test: EDWIN THACHER, Cl. Cur', Midd'x.

[The Indentures.]

This Indenture made the fowerth day of Aprill, Anno. Dom., 1689, Between Margarett Devorage of Upton upon Severne, in the County of Waster [Worcester] Spinster, of the one part & James Trewolla of London, Merchant, of the other parte. Witnesseth, That the said Margrett Devorage in Consideration that the said James Trewolla hath undertaken at his own proper Cost & Charges to transport her into his Ma<sup>ties</sup> plantation of Virginia and to provide her with her Meet, Drink, Washing, Lodging, Apparell & all other necessaryes dureing her stay here in England, and also for the said Intended Voyage and by the space & terme of four yeares next after her Arrivall into the said plantation at the end of the said terme to finde and Allow her decent Apparell and such other Allowances & necessaryes as by the Custome of the Said Country and in the Like Cases given and granted the said Margarett Devorage hath Volluntarily and of her owne Free Consent without any deceit or sinister Preetence bound obliged her selfe & by these p'sents doth Binde and Oblige her selfe to the said James Trewolla to serve him or his assignes according to the Custome of the said plantation by the space & terme of Fower years to Comence from the Time of her Arrivall in the said plantation and the said Margrett Devorage doth by these p'sents Covenant promise and Grant to & with the said James Trewolla dureing all the said Terme faithfully, diligently & honestly to serve the said James Trewolla his Exec<sup>r</sup> & Assignes in all maner of Service According to the Custome of the said Country & Shall not any time hereafter retract or deny this her Voluntary Act & Concent. In Witness

whereof the said parties have Enterchangeably hereunto sett their hands and Seales the Day & yeare above written.

JAMES TREWOLLA.

Sealed & delivered in the presence of

Will<sup>m</sup> Trussell, George Cainon.

These are to Certifie that the above named Margrett Devorage Came before me Denis Russell, Maior of the Town of Falmouth, in the County of Cornewall, this fowerth day of Aprill, 1689, and declared herselfe to be of the age of nineteene yeares & to be single & unmarried & noe Covenant or Contract servant to any person or persons whatsoever & also her Voluntary Conccent & desire to Serve the above named James Trewolla According to the Tennor of the Indenture above Written.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand the day & year above Written.

D. RUSSELL, Maior of Falm:

Recordat.

Test: EDWIN THACKER,  
Cl. Cur. Com<sup>t</sup> Midd'x.

[ARMS AND AMMUNITION, 1763.]

Att a Court held (by espetiall order) for the County of Midd'x, the Tenth Day of March, 1673, att the Court howse there.

p'sent :

M<sup>r</sup> Richard Perrott, sen., D'c'or Walter Whittaker, Major John Burnham, Mr. Abraham Weekes, Capt. Robert Beverley, Mr. Henry Thacker, Mr. John Haslewood, Mr. Richard Robinson, Mr. John Vause, Mr. Richard Perrott, Jr., Justices.

Whereas, the Court this day mett in pursuance of a certaine Act of Assembly intituled an Act provideing the Supply of Armes & Ammunition, and upon full consultation of the matters therein expressed, they could find no one person or persons that would undertake to furnish such armes as are wanted in the Countie at reasonable rates, & that if a Levy of Tobacco upon the people should be laid & that Tobacco Sent for England for the providing & purchaseing the same, it might possibly amount



to so high somes as by the generality of the people could not easily be borne. And whereas Major John Burnham & Capt. Robert Beverley being present at this Court did offer & propose that in Case the rest of the Militia Officers of the County would agree & Consent so to doe, that then they would with all possible conveniency send for & procure, so many such Armes for their respective Companies & troopes as are wanted, upon Consideracon that each souldier wanting may be constrained to take the same and to allow for every penny so disbursed (for the Cost of such Armès as they shall be found to want and therefore forced to take) one pound of Good sweet sented Tobacco & Caske of their owne Croppe or one pound & halfe of Merchantable Arronoaks Tobacco & Caske and for this County the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lieut. Gen<sup>l</sup> [Sir Henry Chicheley, of "Rosegill," Middlesex, Lieut. Governor of Va.] to judge betwixt the Officer & souldier whether they shall be Constrained or not to take such Armes by reason they are not provided as they ought. The Court therefore thought fit to deferre the fourther debate about the said matter untill the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> shall appoint another meeting about the same.

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[PROCEEDINGS OF MIDDLESEX COURT IN REGARD TO THE  
INDIAN WAR AND BACON'S REBELLION.]

Middlesex, Jan. 22, 1676.

It was this Day Ordered that 250 l. of good bisquitt be made at least of one halfe Wheate Meale be forthw<sup>th</sup> made, (vizt.) Fifty pounds by mr. Richard Robinson, Fifty pounds by Christopher Robinson, and Fifty pounds apiece by Mr. Alexander Smith, mr. Will'm Gordon & mr. John Batcheltor & that the Same be Delivered at ye howse of Mr. Rich<sup>d</sup> Robinson, by ye 29th Day of this instant, January at Farthest, it being for the use of the Countye's Soldiers now goeing out ag<sup>t</sup> ye Indians, for w<sup>th</sup> they have ye Countye's Creditt, and it is farther Ordered that mr. Christopher Robinson provide Six Barrells of Indian Corne for ye use of ye soldiers for w<sup>th</sup> he is also to have ye Countye's Creditt.

May 1, 1676.

Upon the Information of the Severall Officers of ye Melitia of this County of what Armes are wanting p'sented to this Court, it is Ordered that Coll. Christopher Wormeley send for and provide to have by ye returne of the next Shipps for his Company Forty firelock musketts, Forty Swords & Belts and Carduce boxes, and that Lt. Coll. John Burnham Send for & p'vide ye like quantity of every ye afores<sup>d</sup> perticulars; And that Majo<sup>r</sup> Robert Beverley Send for and provide for his Company Thirty musketts, Thirty Swords and belts and Carduce boxes, And that Captain Walter Whitaker send for and provide for his Troope Fifteene Cases of Pistolls & Houlsters, Fifteene hangers and belts and Forty Carobines w<sup>th</sup> Scorvill's (?) and belts, And the aforementioned Gentlemen are Ordered to send for & provide Amunition for all these Severall Soldiers according to Law, And it is further Ordered that a Leavy be laid by this Court upon the County according to Law to satisfie & pay to the s<sup>d</sup> Coll. Christ<sup>r</sup> Wormeley, Lt. Coll. Jno. Burnham, Majo<sup>r</sup> Robert Beverley and Capt. Walter Whitaker, in Tobacco for the reall Costs & price of ye s<sup>d</sup> Armes and Amunition, after ye rate of One hundred pounds of Tobacco & Caske for every Eight Shilling really Disbursed and laid out as afores<sup>d</sup>, and ye truth thereof ye abovenamed Gentlemen are to Deliver to this Court upon their Corporal Oathes.

Signed, RICH. PARROT.

Att a meeting of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Justices of ye Peace for Midd<sup>x</sup> County, the 10th Day of July, 1676, By vertue of a late Act of Assembly, [The act referred to is no doubt No. 1, of the session of June, 1676, Bacon's Laws, Hening II, 341-350.]

Present :

S<sup>r</sup> Henry Chickeley, K<sup>t</sup>, Mr. Richard Parrott, Sen<sup>r</sup>, Capt. Walter Whittaker, Col. Christopher Wormeley, Ralph Wormeley, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Majo<sup>r</sup> Robert Beverley, Mr. Abraham Weekes, Mr. Rich<sup>d</sup> Robinson, Mr. John Vaus, Mr. Rich<sup>d</sup> Parrot, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Mr. Wm. Dudley.

Ordered that all persons, That have in their Possession any Cloathes belonging to any Souldier or Souldiers now lately

raised in this County for ye Countreyes Service Doe imediately Deliver the Said Cloathes to ye partys they belong to, as they will answer ye Contrary at their utmost peril.

The names of ye Souldiers that are this Day entered upon ye County's pay (vizt.) :

Lt. David Hume,  
Serg<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Hunter,  
Corp<sup>l</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Duerdine,  
Corp<sup>l</sup> Thos. Dring,

Walter Doconly,	Henry Griffith,
James Gray,	Jn <sup>o</sup> Simpson,
William Rane,	Hugh Roberts,
William Forbus,	William Harris,
Jno. Davis,	Will <sup>m</sup> Wood,
Edw'd Ellis,	Dan <sup>l</sup> Hargrove,
Tho. Little,	Charles Sheppard,
Cornelius Lane,	Richard Bishopp,
Jn <sup>o</sup> Hackley,	Jno. Tembed,
Edward Clarke,	Thos. Smith,
Will <sup>m</sup> Wright,	Patrick Mitchell,
James Theste,	Phillip Tanxey,
Wm. Cottrell,	Tho. Stone.

Horsemen :

Corp <sup>l</sup> Ralph Whitten,	Will <sup>m</sup> Summers,
Thomas Jackson,	Thomas Smith.

Ordered, That ye Provisions enjoyned by Law to be provided for ye Soldiers now raised according to Law in this County be provided as followeth, (Vizt.) : for ye first two moneths Bread by Major Robert Beverley at 2 lb. [tobacco?] p. 1: Bacon or Cheese by Ditto at Five pounds of Tobacco P. pound ; Leaden Shott at 3 lb. p. pound.

Steares six yeares old apeice at least at 600 l. Tobacco apeice.

One Bagatiere house to be furnished by Mr. Rich<sup>d</sup> Robinson.

Test : CHR. ROBINSON, Cl. Cur.

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Att a Court held for ye County of Midd<sup>x</sup> by vertue of a late Act of Assembly the 22d Day of August, 1676.

Present :

Mr. Rich<sup>d</sup> Parrot, Sen<sup>r</sup> Mr. Rich<sup>d</sup> Parrot, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Mr. Abraham Weekes, Mr. Will<sup>m</sup> Dudley, Mr. Richard Robinson.

Whereas, This County are Comanded by a late Act of Assembly, to sett forth Thirty six Soldiers w<sup>th</sup> Ammunition and two moneths Provisions, at there first goeing forth, And Whereas there is a Considerable quantity of Bread wanting w<sup>th</sup> is forth<sup>w<sup>th</sup></sup> to be provided and made ready, it is therefore by this Court Ordered, That ye quantity of three pounds of good and welordered biscuit (to be made of at the least  $\frac{1}{2}$  English Wheat) Be made & provided by each master of a Family, for every Tythable person in his or there howses within this County, And that they Deliver the same at ye Court howse of this County ye last, by Day of this p'sent August at ye furthest.

Signed, RICH<sup>d</sup> PARROT.

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[The unsettled conditions due to Bacon's Rebellion prevented the holding of any court in Middlesex, from August 1676, to March, 1677.]

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Middlesx, March, 1677.

Mr. Richard Parrott, Jr., and Mr. Richard Robinson, securiteas for Mr. Robert Boodle keeping the peace towards the King and all his subjects.

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Mr. Wm. Gordon and Mr. Alexander Smith became securities for Mr. Mathew Bentley in specialty of £500 sterling and said Bentley for £250 sterling to keep the peace toward the King and all his subjects.

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Middlesx, May 7, 1677.

Col. Christopher Wormeley *vs.* Mathew Bentley, Robert Knight, Robert Boodle, Jeremiah Owen, John Goodrich, Wm. Brookes, Anthony Slaughter, John Brewer, Robert Blewford, Thomas Weatherby, Thos. Hartly, Wm. Word [or Wood], and John Clarke, action for trespass—referred to next Court.

Middlesx, Nov. 19, 1677.

Mr. Wm. Stanard security for the payment of a fine imposed on Thos. Radly.

[The persons bound over to keep the peace, or sued for trespass were adherents of Nathaniel Bacon during the Rebellion.]

(CONCLUDED)

### Historical and Genealogical Notes and Queries.

#### PETITION OF PEOPLE OF JAMESTOWN, 1682.

To the Hon'ble \* \* \* embly of Virg'a,  
The Inhab'ts & freeholders of James City,  
Humbly p'sent,

That ye s'd Citty according to Capt. Smith's discovery of Virg'a was dated in ye yeare 1607 & hath ever since been ye seate of ye Cheife Co'rts or Judicatorie, & metropolis of this his Mat'ies ["Colony" erased] Country & dominion [In the margin is "Md., this Act was drawne up & passed ye howse Ap'l, 1682] yett ye certaine limitts & bounds, hath not by any publique Act or Instrument beene ascertained, although by report of ye Ancient Inhab'ts itt begins att ye Sandy Bay & Soe includes all ye Island. [Here is the following, erased: "Land betweene River & Creeke from thence to ye run or Slash of Wm. Briscoe, y't Smith's and soe to ye back Creeke."'] We humbly pray y't ye said bounds may be ascertained by Act of Assembly.

And whereas by one Act of ye last Session of Ass'bly itt was enjoyned y't 50 acres of land should be laid out for a Town in James Citty att ye rate of 10000 lb. tob'co, We humbly inform yo'r hon'rs y't ye land in the s'd Citty is of Considerable value & not one acre there but cost above 5 l. sterl., besides our great charg in building. And therefore we humbly p'pose y't we & ye owners of the land in ye s'd Citty May have lib'ty to build store howses there [in case it be enjoyned] & if we fayle, that then any others may have land assigned y'm by ye County Co'rt upon paym't of soe much as ye land shall [be] valued att, by an able Jury, according to ye Law [In margin, "land for mills is to be valued by a Jury"] & presidents of Engl'd in ye like cases: And y't ye whole Island may be assigned to build on. And for y't itt is our desyer y't all Nuisances & corrupcons of ye Air may be hereafter removed & ye Citty for ye future Kept clean & decent w'ch can not well be don without a